

Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

October 13, 2006

Message From County Executive Walker

For the last two weeks, the County Board's Finance and Audit Committee has been reviewing my 2007 recommended budget. They have already passed a number of amendments that make changes. I am open to changes as long as the budget the board passes does not raise the property tax levy and continues to provide funding for the core functions that Milwaukee County has an obligation to provide.

In my budget address I spoke of a desire to work cooperatively with the board to pass a budget that addresses the almost \$90 million budget shortfall that we are facing. I continue to work with the board and I am confident that, together, we can continue to move Milwaukee County forward and put our budget difficulties behind us.

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Walker Attends Fire Fighter Memorial



On Tuesday, County Executive Walker spoke at the 10th Annual Milwaukee Fallen Fire Fighter Memorial Service at the Milwaukee Fire Department's headquarters, 711 West Wells Street. The service honors Milwaukee fire fighters who have died in the line of duty.

Rainforest Night

The Mitchell Park Domes will feature "Rainforest Night" on Friday, October 13 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. This special event gives attendees the opportunity to see and handle wildlife creatures and birds from the earth's rainforest regions. There will also be fresh tropical treats and ice cream. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-17 years, and free for children 5 and under. Also, on Saturday, October 14, the Domes will feature "Hedgehog Rendezvous," which will include hedgehog races and information on these interesting creatures. For more information, go to www.countyparks.com.

Parking Opportunities

The Parks Department is offering downtown covered parking at O'Donnell Park, 910 East Michigan Street, for as low as \$89/month (for the six-month plan.) Also offered is a three-month plan for \$99/month. As the weather is clearly turning colder, this is a great time to lock in covered parking before the snow comes. For more information, call (414) 277-0860.

Boo At The Zoo



The Zoo's the place Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 for haunted Halloween fun! The events include:

- A specially designed maze made of haystacks and featuring Halloween characters
- Ghost tales and spooky stories at the Primates of the World exhibit
- Jack-O-Lantern and scarecrow coloring contest
- Not-too-spooky movies at Big Cat Country

Reduced admission rates apply these evenings: Adult admission is \$4.50; Juniors ages 3 to 12 are \$3, and children 2 and under are free. Parking is \$3.50.

For more information, go to www.milwaukeezoo.org

City Campus Invitational Golf Tournament



Last year's tournament champion celebrates

County Executive Walker is participating in the 5th Annual City Campus Combined Giving Invitational Golf Tournament on Tuesday, October 17 from 12:00 – 1:00pm at the beautifully manicured greens on the 2nd floor of City Campus. Registrants must have made their pledge to the Combined Giving Campaign and must send their \$10 registration fee to Steve Keith (278-4355) by today. The registration fee includes a donated lunch and all proceeds go to the Combined Giving Campaign. Spectators are encouraged to attend as this is certainly a sight to see!

It's a Pizza Party

The County Executive's office is having a Pizza Party, Friday, October 20 to benefit the Combined Giving Campaign. From 11:30 to 1:00pm, we will be serving Palermo's Pizza, a brownie, and a soda for \$5.00. There will also be a drawing for exciting prizes.

Thanks to Palermo's Pizza for donating the pizzas to the campaign.